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To whom it may concern,

As an end user of Microsoft products, and as an engineer who deals with both Microsoft and non-Microsoft software on a regular basis, I would like to lodge my complaints against the proposed Microsoft settlement.

Clearly no-one has learned from any of the evidence that was presented in this trial. The proposed settlement enables Microsoft to further its clear and unfair dominance in the software and operating system market by inserting itself into schools while also locking not for profit companies and the government out of any potential for remedy. I for one want my children to learn that there is more than one choice when it comes to software, and this is not the way to do it. For that matter, children will be conditioned to use Microsoft software and eventually increase the already too strong user base that Microsoft commands. Do we punish a monopoly by strengthening it? No we should not.

Please reconsider this settlement and impose a breakup of Microsoft or other measures to stop this monopoly before more small software companies fail. Do not let Microsoft stifle the growth of our technology markets any more.

Thank you!

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